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IMPLEMENTATION OF NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Government to various States under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) so far, State-wise;

(b) the names of States which have not fully spent the amount;

(c) whether all the districts under NREGS have been visited by the National Level Monitors of the Ministry to review the working of the scheme;

(d) if so, the discrepancies pointed out by them in the implementation of the scheme and the action taken to rectify them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) A statement containing the requisite details is at Annexure-I.

(b) NREGA is demand driven and not allocation based. Employment is to be provided to a registered job seeker holding a job card within 15 days of the demand. Therefore, States are permitted to apply for incremental funds upon utilization of 60% of the available funds so that there is an adequate fund balance available to meet the demand.

(c) to (e) National Level Monitors have visited all the 200 phase one districts. The reports submitted by National Level Monitors have been shared with the concerned State Governments for taking necessary remedial/corrective measures. Out of 130 districts included in the 2nd phase of expansion of NREGA, National level Monitors have recently visited 113 districts.